New Coal Mines

†2483. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new coal mines proposed to be started in the country during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) the state-wise and company-wise details thereof;

(c) the company-wise mines, out of these, proposed to be given to the private sector; and

(d) the details of the estimated income and production to be achieved from the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) 21 new coal projects are expected to be taken up for implementation during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 State-wise and company-wise details are given below:—

Sl. No.	State	Name of the company	Name of the project
1.	Bihar	BCCL	Shatabdi OC
2.	Bihar	BCCL	Basantimata/Dahibari OC
3.	Bihar	BCCL	Jamuna OC
4.	Bihar	BCCL	Gulukdih (NC) OC
5.	Bihar	BCCL	Block-III (NC) OC
6.	Bihar	BCCL	Borca OC
7.	Bihar	CCL	Topa RO
8.	Maharashtra	WCL	Dhurwasa OC
9.	Maharashtra	WCL	Kamptee UG to OC
10.	M.P.	SECL	Kanchan OC
11.	M.P.	SECL	Karkati OC
12.	M.P.	SECL	Amba/Badauli UG
13.	M.P.	SECL	Mahan OC
14.	M.P.	SECL	Damini UG

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Sl. No.	State	Name of the company	Name of the project
15.	Orissa	MCL	Gopal Prasad OC
16.	Orissa MCL	Nataraj UG	
17.	Andhara Pradesh	SCCL	GDK-5 LHD
18.	Andhara Pradesh	SCCL	GDK-6B (BG-I)
19.	Andhara Pradesh	SCCL	YLD. 21INC.BG
20.	Andhara Pradesh	SCCL	MNG. OC-IV
21.	Andhara Pradesh	SCCL	Koyagudem OCP-I

(c) All the mines mentioned above will be mined by the coal companies themselves. None of these mines is proposed to be given to the private sector. 119 blocks (including sub-blocks) in Coal India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries -Company Ltd. have been separately earmarked for captive mining by private/ public sector allocation of which is made by Screening Committee set up in the Ministry of Coal for the purpose.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Exploitation of Coal Workers

†2484. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the exploitation of coal workers by the contractors;

(b) what effective steps are being taken by Government to check exploitation of the workers; and

(c) what are the details of schemes being initiated to improve the standard of living of these workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No incident of exploitation of coal workers by the contractors is reported in Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies, Singareni Collieries Company Limited and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited.

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